

**Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force
Policy Team Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2009
200 E. Santa Clara Street, Room W118-120**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chuck Reed, Mayor; Rob Davis, Chief of Police; Madison Nguyen, Councilmember, Nora Campos Councilmember; Albert Balagso, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS); Norberto Duenas, City Managers Office; Bob Nunez, Superintendent East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD); John Porter Jr., Superintendant Franklin-McKinley Elementary School District; Cora Tomalinas, People Acting in Community Together (PACT); Sheila Mitchell, SCC Chief Probation Officer; Jeff Bornefeld, Tech Team- Western Division Lead; Susie Rivera, Tech Team- Southern Division Lead; Pastor Tony Ortiz, California Youth Outreach; Judge Patrick Tondreau State of California Superior Court Juvenile Division; Mary Greenwood, Santa Clara County Public Defender; Evan Suzuki, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation- Parole Agent; Kevin Jensen, Santa Clara County Department of Corrections

Absent: George Shirakawa Jr, Jeff Mclaughlin, Mario Ozuna-Sanchez, Angel Rios, Paula Mitchell, George Rios, and Lindley Zink.

Substitute: Chris Donnelley for Jeff Ruster—Work2Future; Marc Buller for Dolores Carr—Santa Clara District Attorney's Office.

Staff: Melanie Jimenez- Mayor's Office; Khoa Nguyen- Mayor's Office

a. Welcome, Introductions and Adoption of the April 22, 2009 Policy Team Minutes

Mayor Chuck Reed began the meeting 7:35 am. Members of the Task Force and public introduced themselves.

Mayor Chuck Reed asked for a motion to accept the April 22, 2009 minutes. *Upon a motion by Councilmember Nguyen the minutes were approved unanimously.*

b. Climate Discussion

Lt John Spicer- San Jose Police Department provided the Policy Team with an update on current gang climate in San Jose.

Councilmember Campos asked staff if they are using the SJPD gang-related data to make decisions with BEST funding to ensure that the resources are being properly allocated to have an impact in reducing violence in certain parts of the city. Staff responded that yes, this has always been a factor in the allocation process for BEST.

Mayor Reed announced the collaboration between the MGTPF and the District Attorney's office to fund the Safe Summer Initiative. Mayor Reed also made reference to the San José City Council's support of increasing the funding for the MGPTF, even during a struggling economy.

c. Subcommittee Updates

1. Community member Cora Tomalinas provided an update on the Community Engagement Subcommittee. The topics discussed were: Communication with the Faith Community and preparations for the second annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit. A tentative date has been scheduled for late October or early November.
2. Mayor's Policy Analyst- Melanie Jimenez provided an update on the Interagency Collaborative subcommittee and their current work on the transition center.
3. Susie Rivera- Southern Division Lead reported on the Technical Team Subcommittee. The subcommittee raised their concerns that they still need access to school facilities to run gang prevention programs.
4. John Porter- Superintendant, Franklin McKinley School District provided a verbal report the School City Collaborative and made reference to the good work that has been done in the middle schools in collaboration with the City of San José.

d. ACT Strategic Work Plan Update

Mario Maciel - PRNS, provided a mid-year status report on the strategic work plan and goals.

e. Safe Summer Initiative

Abraham Chacko – PRNS, provided a status report regarding the Safe Summer Initiative.

Chris Donnelley from work2future provided an update on the Summer Jobs for Youth Program 2009. Close to 1,000 will be employed through the program this summer with 85% coming from San José. This program received funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Councilmember Campos asked staff to work with Council offices closely when the Community Crisis Response Protocol is activated because many of the times residents contact their Councilmember to find out what happened in their neighborhood. Staff stated that they are working on improving the protocol and an update will be part of the August Policy agenda.

f. Regional Anti-gang efforts and Legislation

Betty Shotwell provided the Task Force with a legislative update regarding anti-gang bills at the State and Federal level. Many bills seeking funding have been placed on hold because of the dire fiscal condition of the state.

Chief Davis commented on SJPd collaboration with South Bay cities like Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville, Hollister and Gilroy in a joint venture to deal with the gang problem regionally.

Chief Davis also noted the MGPTF current collaboration with the 13 Cities Gang Prevention Network and the States Cal Grip Program.

g. Open Forum

Evelyn Jackson raised concerns about school regulations and the lack of support from school administrators when dealing with race and gangs.

Troy Jackson raised concerns about gang related incidences between the African American community and the Latino community in south San José.

Councilmember Nora Campos made a suggestion that the City School Collaborative subcommittee take on the discussion about clarifying current safe school protocols and reporting guidelines in order to help parents understand the system better.

Cora Tomalinas also requested on how the parent's concerns were addressed as a part of the next meeting's agenda. Staff will bring it back as part of the Schools/ City Collaborative Subcommittee Update.

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Kris Crawford from Knock Out Dog Fighting, the martial arts alternative program, commented on her program at juvenile hall and questioned the District Attorney's PSA campaign effectiveness of reaching kids involved in gangs. Her concern was that gang impacted community's do not listen to KGO or KLIV but listen to more popular radio stations like wild949 or KMEL. "As a concerned citizen who runs an organization that works with gang-impacted youth, I contacted the District Attorney's office and offered to help them reach their target audience. With the District Attorney's office blessing my team recorded new PSAs that I was able to get aired on the 10 most popular teenage radio stations in the SF Bay area- and at no cost to the city - I paid for it with my own personal funds!" Additionally, Kris presented a poster at the meeting that her team designed and printed which will be given out at Juvenile Hall, schools and gyms in hot spots of San Jose.

Jas S. Sohal, President of the Bay Area Cultural & Sports Association complimented the work of the MGPTF but raised concerns that there are still many people in the community that do not know about the MGPTF.

h. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:54am.

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